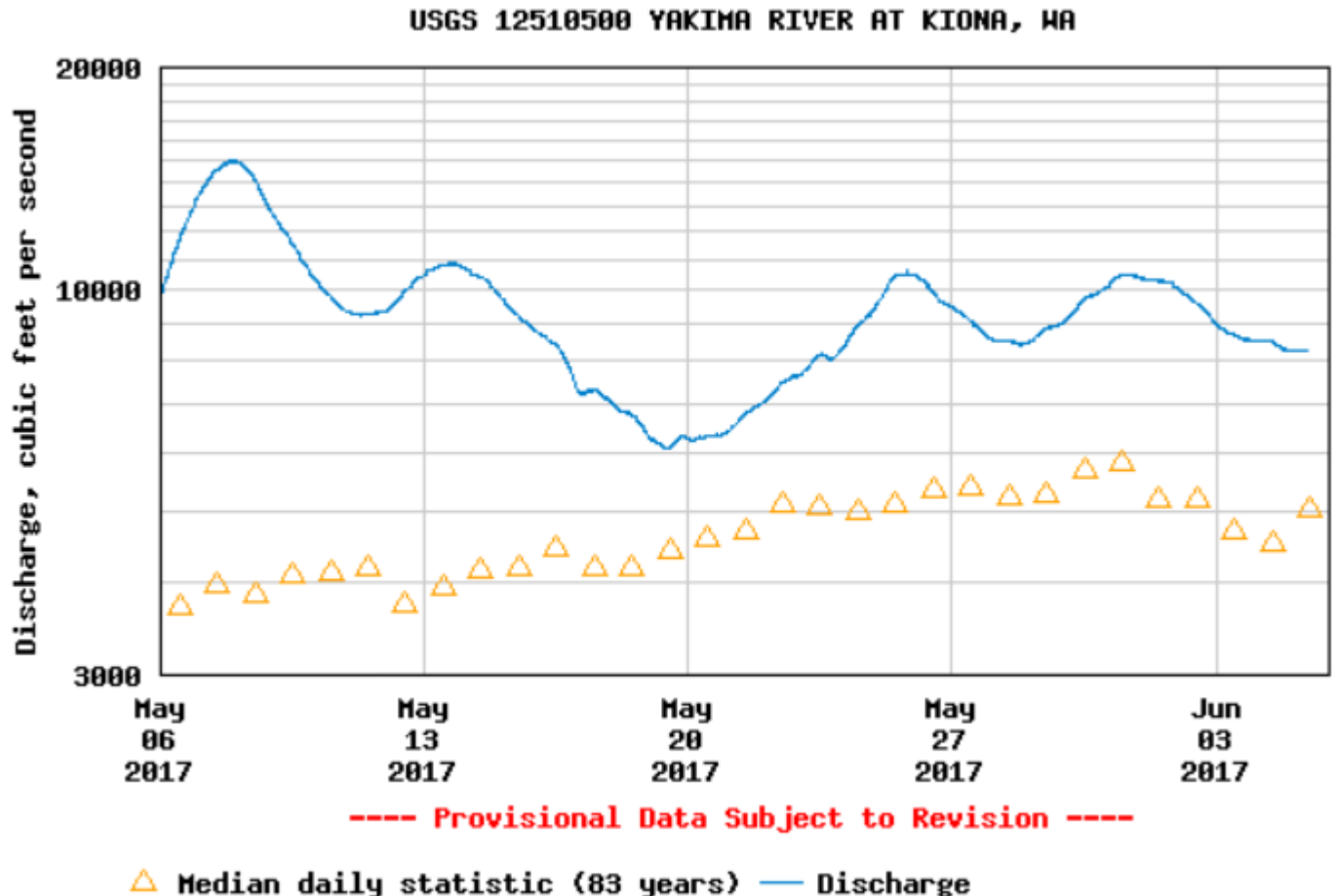


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Lower Yakima River Spring Chinook Sport Fishery Update: April 28-June 4

Fishing for all species continues to be very slow in the lower Yakima River. Although anglers continue to talk about fishing for spring chinook no anglers have been observed. Flows in the Yakima River have remained well above normal all season. Anglers are catching a few smallmouth bass and channel catfish but in much fewer numbers than in previous years. WDFW staff has interviewed 117 anglers this season (April 28-June 4) with 90 smallmouth and 27 catfish. Total effort is estimated at 756 angler trips with 550 bass and 130 channel catfish harvested (287 bass and 16 catfish released).

By the end of May in 2016, staff had interviewed 460 anglers with 1,629 smallmouth bass and 275 catfish. An estimated 5,141 angler trips were made in May of 2016.



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